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COUNTRY: LAOS

DATE: 13 AUGUST 1966

SUBJECT: STATUS OF IMPRISONED AMERICAN PILOTS IN THE SAM NEUA
AREA OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

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1. A FORMER PATHET LAO

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WHO DEFECTED TO
FRIENDLY GUERRILLA UNIT IN THE PHOU PHA LACG (VH 138429) AREA,
ID THE LEADER OF THE FRIENDLY GUERRILLA UNIT SUPPLIED THE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS: HF 42-14

A. ON 13 AUGUST 1966 TWO AMERICANS, TWO FILIPINOS, 115 104-145
THAI, AND A VIETNAMESE WERE HELD IN A CAVE AT VH 195564, E6230-22

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3 KM EAST OF SAM NEUA.

2. (FIELD COMMENT: ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] TDCS-314/10305-66 [REDACTED]), FROM THE SAME SOURCES, THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE HELD IN A CAVE AT VH 194566 IN LATE JULY 1966. SUBSEQUENT TO THE EARLIER REPORT, THE FORMER PATHET [REDACTED] AND THE FRIENDLY GERRILLA LEADER WENT TO THE AREA TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS. THEY PROBABLY BASED THEIR OPINIONS ON NATIONALITY OF THE PRISONERS ON PHYSICAL APPEARANCE. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS IS PROBABLY MORE ACCURATE THAN THAT OF THE OTHER NATIONALS MENTIONED.)

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3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USIS CINCPAC PACFLT
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